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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in  
accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure requirements,  
Applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Patent and  
Trademark Office the items listed on the attached Form PTO-  
1449 to be made of record in the above-identified  
application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is filed  
before the mailing of an Office Action on the merits in the  
present application. Accordingly, no filing or petition fee  
is required. Furthermore, the patents listed were listed in  
the attached PTC Search Report mailed on April 14, 2004. In  
accordance with current regulations, copies of the U.S.  
patents listed are not provided.

Applicant presents these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(b), (c) and (d), 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such art. Applicant respectfully requests that these patent references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In particular, the keyholders and similar "nonpatent" items listed and provided in copy form are contemporary items recently (i.e., mostly since the filing of the priority document for this application) collected from hotels, and intended to show the present state of the art. Neither Applicant nor his undersigned Attorney are aware of the earliest dates of publication or use of these items; therefore, it is considered unlikely that any of the items would be considered as prior art.

Sample keyholders and the like from hotels which are

of particular interest include the following:

Citation A, Hilton Denver Tech South is a holder including space for a cardkey, a place to write the guest's room number and a security instruction: "For your safety and security, your room number is not printed on your guestroom key. We encourage you to keep your key card separate from this booklet." The back of the booklet is marked as "Reg/Key Packet Stock Form 32-14," and "PATENT PENDING".

Citation B, a Z-folded keyholder from a Norwegian Quality Inn, includes a slot for a key or cardkey, a folding map, various corporate sponsor identifications, coupons, etc., but no incentive for separating the key from the keyholder and room number inscribed thereon.

Citation I, Crowne Plaza keyholder, identifies corporate sponsors and provides space for storing a key or cardkey, but no incentive for removing the key from the holder and room number marked thereon.

Citation P, Orchard Hotel keyholder, includes a tearaway coupon for their restaurant.

Citation N, Holiday Inn Downtown Denver, keyholder card provides a space for a room number to be marked thereon and has a city map attached, but no incentive for removing the key from the room number.

Citations T, M and V, the Millenium Hotel, The

Fairmont and Marriott Courtyard, keyholders all provide slots for keys or cardkeys and places to mark the room number, with no incentive to remove the key or cardkey from the room number.

Citation HH, Best Western, is a keyholder sleeve with space for the room number to be marked on one side. On the other side is a warning to "PROTECT YOUR CARD" (from magnets) by keeping the key inside the sleeve provided. Thus, there is a disincentive for removing the key from the holder and room number.

Citation Q, The Handlery Hotel, key packet is identified as "Guest Room Keycard and Information," provides space for the clerk to write the guest's name, room number and date directly above the slot for the key. There is a warning, "Do not write your suite number on the keycard as it may jeopardize the security of the system," but provides no incentive for removal of the keycard from the folder and room number written thereon.

Citations S, J and H, for the Pan Pacific, Hilton and Hotel Nikko (all in San Francisco) keyholders, include discount cards for Macy's and limited hotel info, but no apparent incentive to remove the key or cardkey from the holders and room numbers.

If additional information is of interest for any of

the items listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James K. Poole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "P".

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Attachments: Forms PTO-1449 (6 ), PCT Search Report and 42  
"keyholder" samples

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	C	Silver Legacy Resort Casino guest booklet (ca. 2002)	
	D	Card keys, printed - Comfort Inn & "La Fonda on the Plaza" (ca. 2004)	
	E	Holiday Inn - Lakewood, CO. guest booklet & key holder, key w/ads (ca. 2004)	
	F	Rocky Mtn. Entree (ca. 2004) - visitor information folder - card key size	
	G	Westin Hotels & Resorts (ca. 2004) Guest booklet & key holder	
	H	Hotel Nikko - San Francisco Guest pamphlet & key holder (ca. 2004)	
	I	Crowne Plaza Hotels & Resorts - Guest Pamphlet & key holder (ca. 2004)	
	J	Hilton - San Francisco guest pamphlet & key holder w/discount coupons/Macy's (ca. 2004)	

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	M	Fairmont Hotels & Resorts - guest folder/key holder (also key holder w/map) (ca. 2004)	
	N	Holiday Inn - Downtown Denver - folder/key holder w/folding map & coupon (ca. 2004)	
	O	Monticello Inn- key sized key holder folder & information (ca. 2004)	
	P	Orchard Hotel - key holder folder & information (ca. 2004)	
	Q	The Handlery - guest keycard and information (ca. 2004)	
	R	The Warwick Regis Hotel - guest keycard & information (ca. 2004)	
	S	The Pan Pacific (ca. 2003) - guest keycard holder & information (2004)	
	T	Millennium Hotels & Resorts (ca. 2004) - guest keycard holder	

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	W (ca. 2004)	Best Western Breckenridge Dining, Hyatt, Holiday Inn key cards (ca. 2004)	
	X	Sir Francis Drake - key card holder & information (ca. 2004)	
	Y	Prescott Hotel - key card holder & information (2004)	
	Z	The Andrews Hotel - information pamphlet (ca. 2004)	
	AA	Evergreen Lodge - key holder (ca. 2004)	
	BB	Villa Florence Hotel - information folder, key holder & "Dining Passport" (ca. 2004)	
	CC	The Maxwell Hotel - key holder & information pamphlet	
	DD	Hotel Bijou - key holder envelope	

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	HH	Best Western keyholder sleeve	
	II	Comfort Inn - key w/ad (ca. 2004)	
	JJ	Palomar Hotel - key holder	
	KK	Hotel Nikko - San Francisco - key holder, guest information pamphlet (ca. 2004)	
	LL	The Fairmont Hotel - New Orleans Registration & information booklet	
	MM	Hotel Nikko - city map, guest information	
	NN	Chancellor Hotel - key holder - Directory of Services (ca. 2004)	

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